

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions, with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the Persian Gulf to the east and the Mediterranean Sea to the north.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

**September 7, 2005**

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## Highlights

### 1.0 Transition to Security Self-Reliance

- The US Army handed over security responsibility in the southern city of Najaf to Iraqi security forces on September 6.

### 2.0 Support a Free and Democratic Iraq

- The Independent Electoral Commission for Iraq (IECI) has extended voter registration in Al Anbar province for one week. The IECI also announced that 15.5 million Iraqis are registered to vote.

### 3.0 Provide Essential Services

- In coordination with the Iraqi Ministry of Health (MOH), USAID implementing partners, including UNICEF, launched an emergency polio immunization campaign to prevent the resurgence of the disease. The campaign reached 4.7 million children in five days.

### 4.0 Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy

- The next steps in Iraq's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) is to select a WTO Working Party Chair. The WTO will soon circulate member countries questions to Iraq on its Foreign Trade Memorandum. Both these processes need to be completed before a Working Party can begin negotiations with Iraq.



## Highlights

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### 5.0 Promote the Rule of Law

- Iraq executed three convicted murderers on September 1. The move marked the first time the government has carried out the death penalty since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

### 6.0 Maintain International Engagement and Support

- Working closely with the Iraqi Government and the Iraqi Red Crescent Society, the United Nations has mobilized an urgent response to last week's Al Aemma bridge disaster.

### 7.0 Promote Strategic Communications

- The *Our Constitution* television program has ramped up its viewership since it first aired on July 11. Millions of Iraqis now tune into the prime-time program offering discussions among experts and Constitutional drafters followed by studio debates on key issues from the role of women to the question of an Islamic state.



## [1.0] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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### Iraqi Security Forces Update:

- The US Army handed over security responsibility in the southern city of Najaf to Iraqi security forces on September 6.
- On September 2, more than 5,000 US and Iraqi troops swept into Tal 'Afar in the largest urban assault since Fallujah last November. During the course of the day, at least 30 insurgents were killed. No American or Iraqi Army casualties were reported.
- On September 5, gunmen opened fire near Iraq's Ministry of Interior (Mol), killing two policemen and wounding five. According to the press, the gunmen used rocket propelled grenades, mortars and automatic rifles. The attack took place at a checkpoint 300 meters from the Mol entrance. The checkpoint is jointly manned by Iraq Police Services and Ministry of Defense personnel.
- On September 1, 175 serving Iraqi Police Officers graduated from six advanced and specialized courses at the Adnan Training Facility. 83 serving Iraqi Police Officers graduated from the Training and Integration Program Academy at Kardara.



## [1.0] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Data as of September 5, 2005

### Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	68,800
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	35,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103,800*</b>

### Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	84,800
AIR FORCE	200
NAVY	700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85,700**</b>

### Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

# 189,500

\* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are included in these numbers

\*\* Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are not included in these numbers



## [2.0] Support a Free and Democratic Iraq – **Developments**

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### Constitution Update:

- The Independent Electoral Commission for Iraq (IECI) has extended voter registration in Al Anbar province for one week. The IECI also announced that 15.5 million Iraqis are registered to vote.
- Transitional National Assembly members will likely vote on the law governing the conduct of the upcoming elections on September 8 or 11. They are expected to adopt a governorate-based system with compensatory seats.
- Adil al-Lami, chief electoral officer of the Independent Electoral Commission in Iraq (IECI), confirms in a report that the registration process is underway, adding that people in Mosul are rushing to register in the voting centers.



## [2.0] Support a Free and Democratic Iraq – **Developments**

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### The Continuing Transitional Political Process:

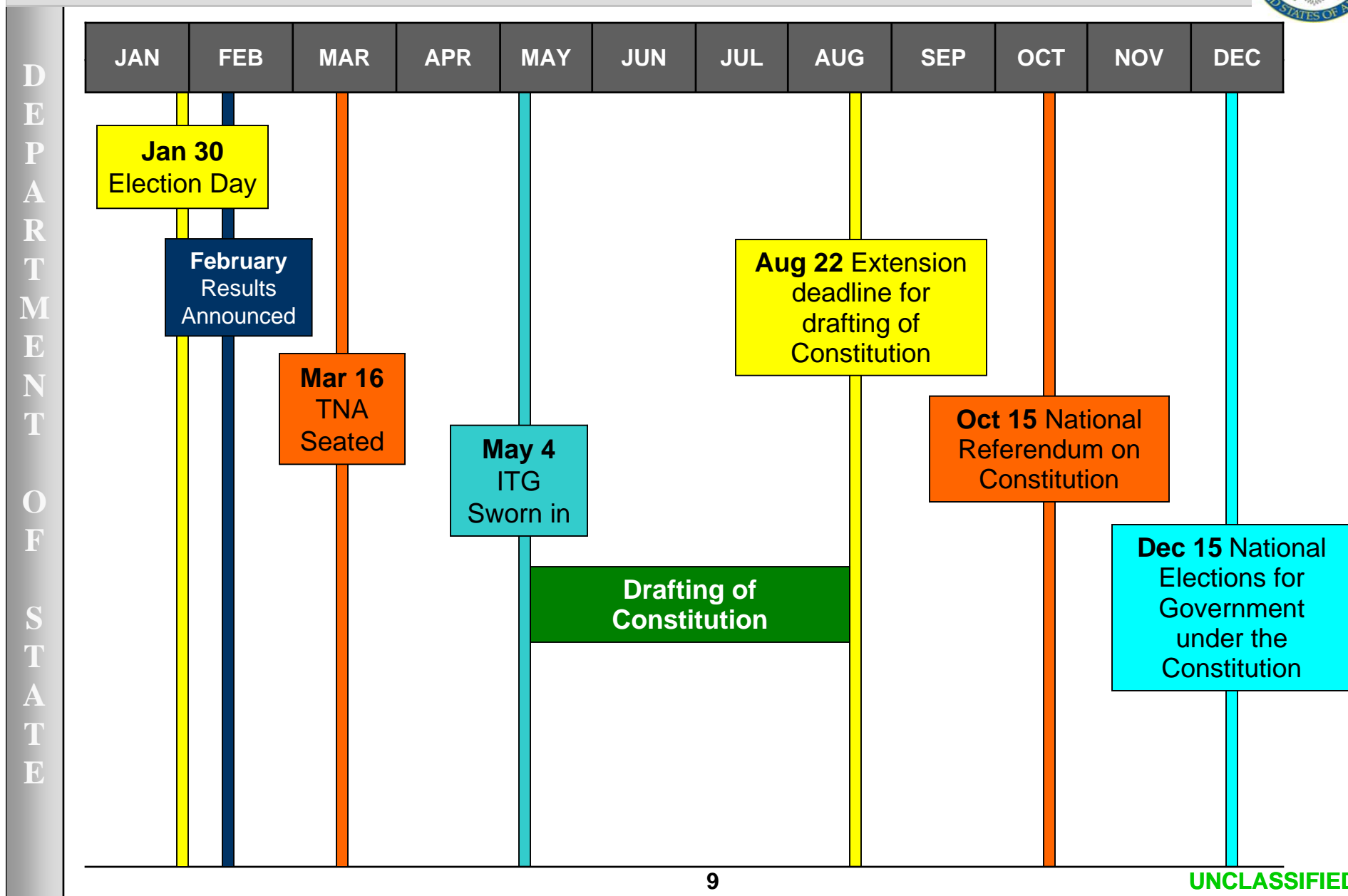
Iraq's transitional political process is set down by the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL).

- The Transitional National Assembly (TNA) and Iraqi Transitional Government (ITG) will continue to serve as Iraq's national legislature and executive, respectively, until the election of a new government.
- The draft Constitution will be presented to the Iraqi people for approval in a national referendum by October 15, 2005.
- If the draft constitution is approved in the referendum, a national election for the first government under the constitution is to be held by December 15. If the referendum rejects the draft constitution, a national election for a new TNA is to be held by December 15; this Assembly will have the responsibility to write a new draft constitution.





## [2.0] Support a Free and Democratic Iraq – Electoral Process Timeline





## [2.0] Support a Free and Democratic Iraq - Iraqi Transitional Government

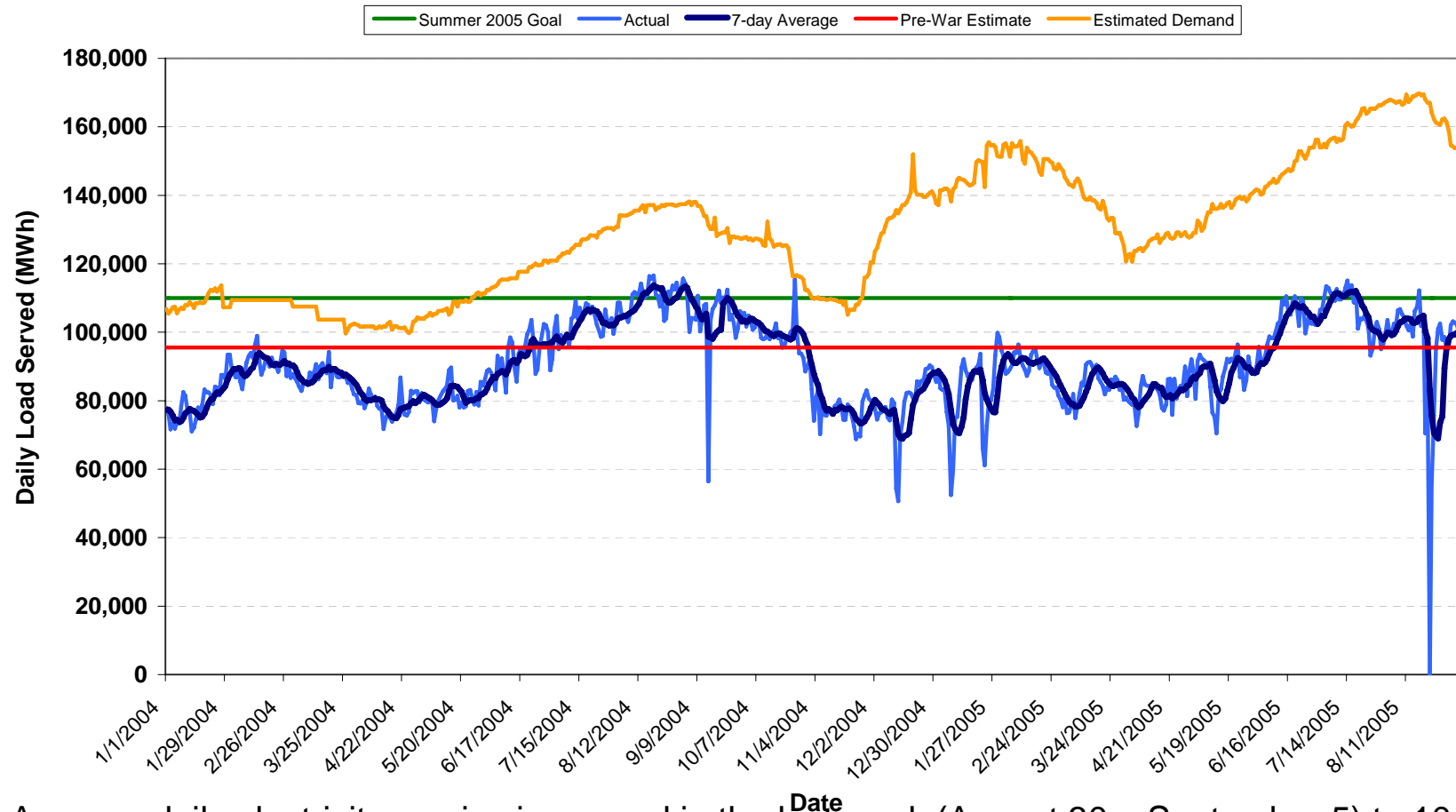
		Deputy President	President	Deputy President	
		Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr	Jalal Talabani	'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
			Prime Minister		
			Ibrahim al-Ja'fari		
Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister			Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister
Rawsh Shaways	'Abd Mutlak al-Juburi			Ahmad al-Chalabi	Vacant
Minister of Agriculture	Minister of Communications	Minister of Culture	Minister of Defense	Minister of Displacement & Migration	Minister of Electricity
Ali al-Bahadili	Juwan Fu'ad Ma'sum (F)	Nuri al-Rawi	Sa'dun al-Dulaymi	Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	Muhsin Shallash
Minister of Education	Minister of Environment	Minister of Finance	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Minister of Health	Minister of Higher Education
Abdul Mun'im al-Falah Hasan	Narmin 'Uthman (F)	'Ali 'Allawi	Hoshyar Zebari	Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay'i	Sami al-Muzaffar
Minister of Human Rights	Minister of Industry & Minerals	Minister of Interior	Minister of Justice	Minister of Housing & Construction	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs
Acting, Narmin Uthman (F)	Usama al-Najafi	Bayan Jabr	'Abd al-Husayn Shandal	Jasim Ja'far	Idris Hadi
Minister of Oil	Minister of Planning	Minister of Trade	Minister of Science & Technology	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works	Minister of Transportation
Ibrahim Bahr al-'Ulum	Barham Salih	'Abd al-Basit Mawlud	Basima Butrus (F)	Nasreen Berwari (F)	Salam al-Maliki
Minister of Water Resources	Minister of Youth & Sports	Minister of State for Civil Society	Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs	Minister of State for National Security Affairs	
'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Talib Aziz al-Zaini	'Ala' abib Kazim	Safa' al-Din al-Safi	'Abd al-Karim al-'Anzi	
		Minister of State for Provinces	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities	Minister of State for Women's Affairs	
		Sa'd al-Hardan	Hashim al-Hashimi	Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)	

(F) = Female



### [3.0] Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Average daily electricity service increased in the last week (August 30 – September 5) to 101,800 MWh.
- Baghdad available electricity rebounded to an average of 10.6 hours per day. National average was 13.3 hours per day.
- Demand is declining with lower seasonal temperatures.



### [3.0] Provide Essential Services – **Water and Sanitation**

#### Water and Sanitation:

- The Karbala Drainage Pump Station has been completed. The pump will drain irrigation water from over 76,000 acres of agricultural land in the Karbala governorate, and lower groundwater levels, which will aid in soil salinity management and increase agricultural yields. The plant services almost a half-million residents and approximately three million visitors annually.
- The Capacity Development Program for the Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works has given comprehensive maintenance training to Ministry employees and provided tools and materials in support of network rehabilitation in 17 Iraqi cities. In the Samawah area, rehabilitation activities have recently resulted in a 14 percent increase in the potable water supply to Samawha's more than 160,000 urban residents.
- The Project and Contracting Office (PCO) has two major sewage treatment projects under construction. The Falluja Sewage Treatment Project is now 93 percent complete and is expected to be completed by December 31. The Basrah City Sewage Treatment projects is 51 percent complete and is expected to be completed by May 22, 2006.
- To date, PCO has completed 82 water treatment projects and has 78 more underway. Under the Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Program (AIRP), 50 water treatment projects have been completed, and another five are under construction
  - The majority of these projects are awarded directly to local contractors and local water authorities.



### [3.0] Provide Essential Services – Health Care and Education

#### Health Care:

- Construction is ongoing for 142 new Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities across Iraq. Under the AIRP, an additional two PHCs are under construction and nine have been completed.
- The Abu Gharib Warehouse received the last of six incinerators contracted for use at the regional blood centers. The incinerators will be distributed once delivery preparations are complete. The first of 18 Blood Donor Vehicles have arrived at Umm Qasr, but will not be delivered until the required driving training is complete.
- UN trust fund proposals - The Iraq Strategic Review Board (ISRB) approved several Ministry of Housing (MoH) projects including the following and their approved funding:
 

– Construction of facilities for medical oxygen production	\$2.9 million
– Health care waste management in 19 facilities	\$1.4 million
– Cholera prevention	\$900,000
– Malaria and Leishmania prevention	\$5.1 million
- In coordination with the Iraqi Ministry of Health (MoH), USAID implementing partners, including UNICEF, launched an emergency polio immunization campaign to prevent the resurgence of the disease. The campaign reached 4.7 million children in five days.
- Preliminary figures from all governorates revealed that 90 percent to 98 percent of the targeted children were vaccinated. Iraq has had no known cases of polio in the past four years, despite recent outbreaks in Yemen, Sudan, Egypt, and other countries.



### [3.0] Provide Essential Services – Education, Telecommunications and Transportation

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#### Education:

- PCO has completed 671 school renovations out of 840 planned, and a further 115 are under construction. Under the AIRP, an additional 24 school renovations have been completed.

#### Telecommunications:

- As of August 31, there were 3,498,825 active cellular subscribers in Iraq. Landline telephone subscribers in Iraq have also increased to 997,675. Prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom, there were approximately 833,000 landline subscribers and no mobile phone subscribers.

#### Transportation:

- PCO has 424 kilometers of village road projects underway and 24 kilometers have been completed. Projects are across 15 Governorates and are directly contracted with Iraqi firms. The program provides around 2,000 jobs for local Iraqis.



## [4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

### Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending September 7 closed with the following prices:
  - Basra Light at \$60.25/barrel      – Dated Brent at \$66.73/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$68.60/barrel      – Oman/Dubai at \$59.03/barrel

### Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Number of Iraqis Working Last Week	Number of Iraqis Working This Week	% Change on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	31,214	32,291	3.5%
USAID	34,598	35,887	3.7%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	2,040	2,020	-1.0%
MILCON (Military Construction)	435	353	-18.9%
CERP* (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	17,327	13,154	-24.1%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	8,947	8,950	0.0%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>118,267</b>	<b>116,361</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>

\*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD Situation Report

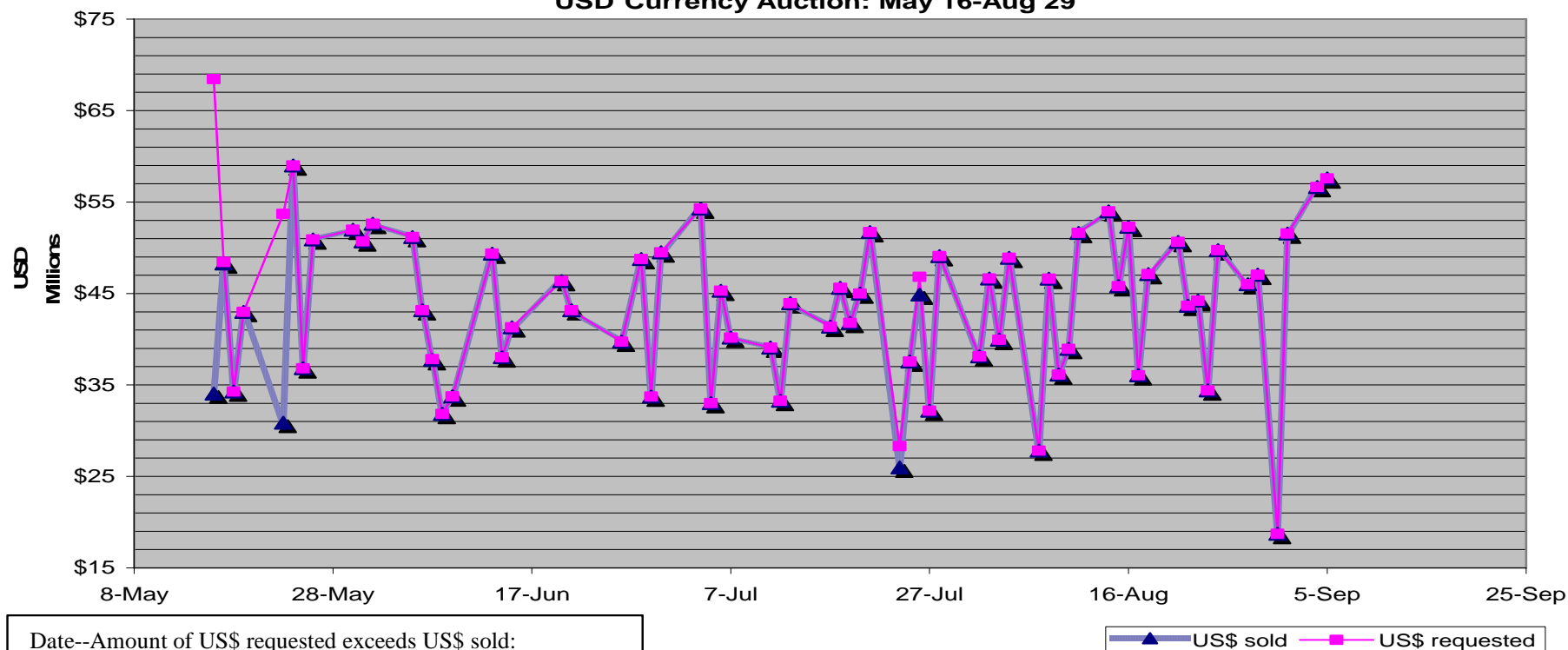


## [4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy - Banking Sector

### Central Bank's USD Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold/requested and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction from May 16 through August 29.
- The settlement price at the currency auction on September 5 was 1,479 dinars per USD. Total amount requested and sold was \$57.58 million.

**Central Bank of Iraq**  
**USD Currency Auction: May 16-Aug 29**



Date--Amount of US\$ requested exceeds US\$ sold:

5/5- \$240,000	5/12- \$100,000	6/7- \$100,000
5/9- \$340,000	5/16- \$34,388,000	7/24- \$2,325,000
5/10- \$530,000	5/17- \$160,000	7/26- \$1,935,000
5/11- \$200,000	5/23- \$22,836,000	





## [4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy – Securities Auctions

### Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX):

- On September 5, the ISX trading volume was 271.4 million shares with a trading value of NID 1.8 billion (\$1,214,735).
  - The banking sector comprised the largest volume and value of trading, with trading in shares of three banks accounting for a trading volume of 151.26 million shares and trading value of NID 1.18 billion (\$800,897).
  - The industry sector comprised the second largest volume of trading. Fifteen companies in this sector accounted for a trading volume of 91.4 million shares with a trading value of NID 440 million (\$297,476).

### Iraqi Securities Exchange:

- The Ministry of Finance auctioned NID 150 billion (about \$101.5 million) in Treasury Bills (T-bills) on August 29; the settlement yield was 10.5 percent with four banks offering winning bids. The settlement yield had been 3.0 - 4.0 percent in the previous seven auctions between February 20 and May 15. The following shows the results of the last five auctions:

No. of Auction	Date of Auction	Amount of issue	Term of security (in days)	Maturity Date	Number competitive Bidders	winning Bidders	Total valid competitive Bids	Total competitive Awarded	cover Ratio %	Bid rang yields	cut off yield
23	5/30/2005	200.000	91	8/30/2005	4	4	210.000	198.500	105.79	4.00% - 6.50%	6.00%
24	6/13/2005	200.000	91	9/13/2005	6	6	166.000	166.000	84.00	4.00% - 7.00%	7.00%
25	7/4/2005	200.000	91	10/4/2005	5	5	177.000	177.000	89.50	4.00% - 9.90%	9.90%
26	8/8/2005	171.000	91	11/8/2005	5	5	145.240	145.240	85.81	6.50%-10.50%	10.50%
27	8/29/2005	150.000	91	11/29/2005	4	4	158.500	148.500	100.00	7.00%- 11.50%	10.50%



## [4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy

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### Iraq to Select WTO Working Party Chair:

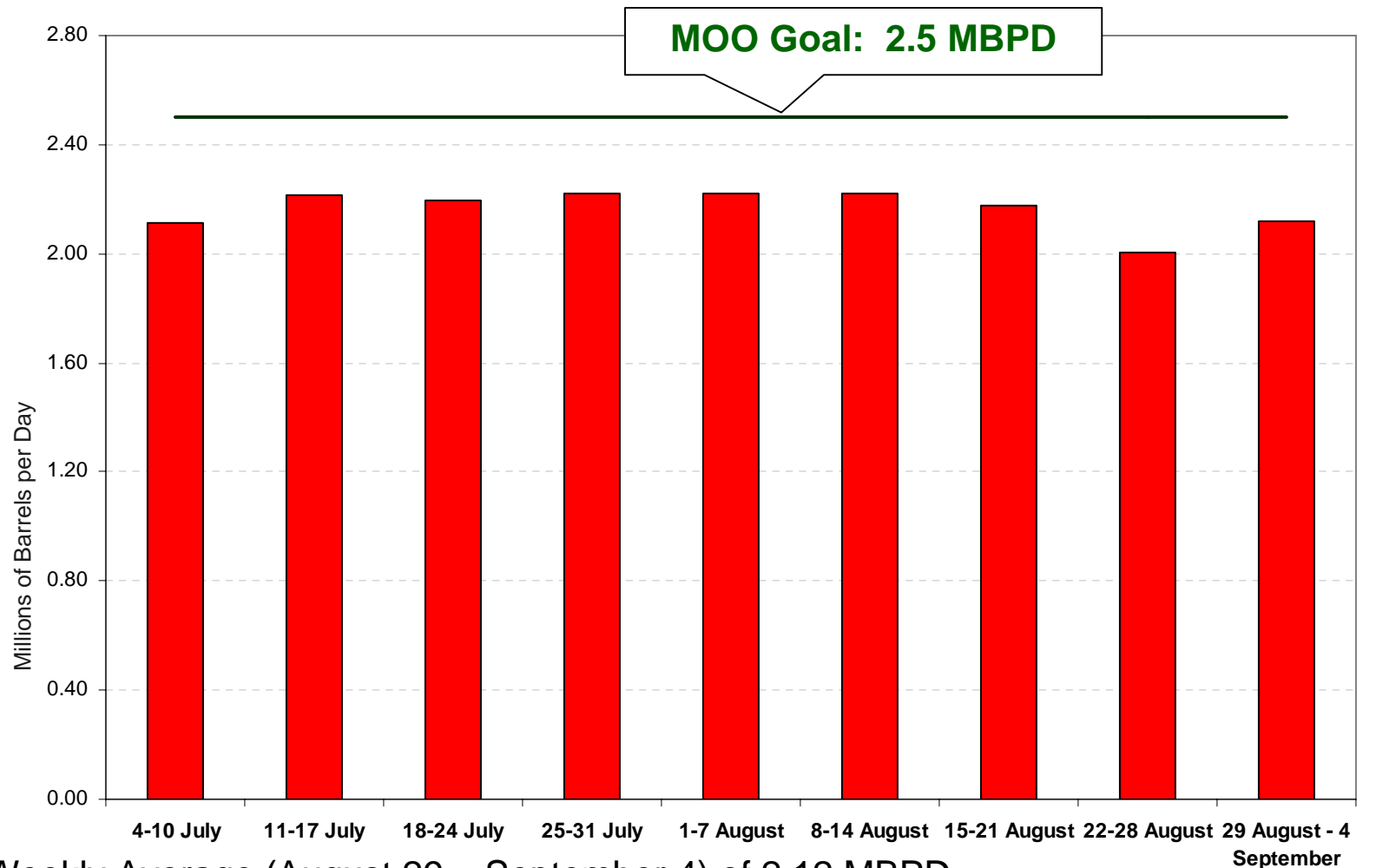
- The next steps in Iraq's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) is to select a WTO Working Party Chair. The WTO will soon circulate member countries questions to Iraq on its Foreign Trade Memorandum. Both these processes need to be completed before a Working Party can begin negotiations with Iraq.
- The Iraqi Minister of Interior remarked that part of the reason for the decision to defer the date of entry was the security situation that largely effects the economic and trading activities in addition to the industrial sector.

### Institutional Reforms:

- The Central Bank of Iraq (CBI), supported by the IRMO Office of Finance, is working to improve the effectiveness of the Iraq T-bill auction and to implement modern bank-reserve requirements. The CBI is also working to maintain its stocks of USD currency to support its Foreign Exchange auction. Finally, the IRMO Office of Finance is working with the CBI and Iraq's state-owned banks, Rafidain and Rasheed, to ensure adequate supplies of the Iraqi Dinar.



## [4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Production

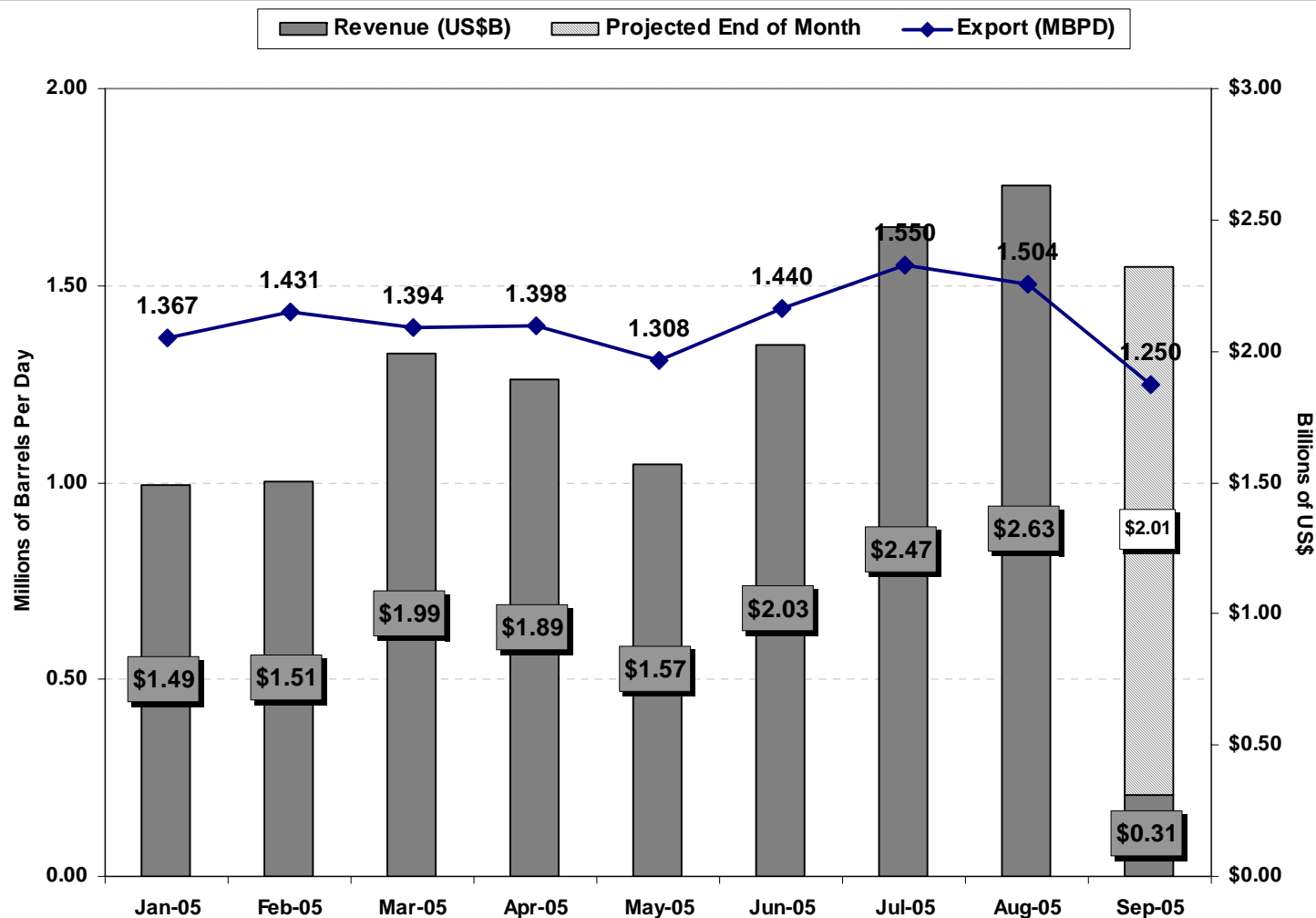


- Weekly Average (August 29 – September 4) of 2.12 MBPD
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 2003
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD

Production Target



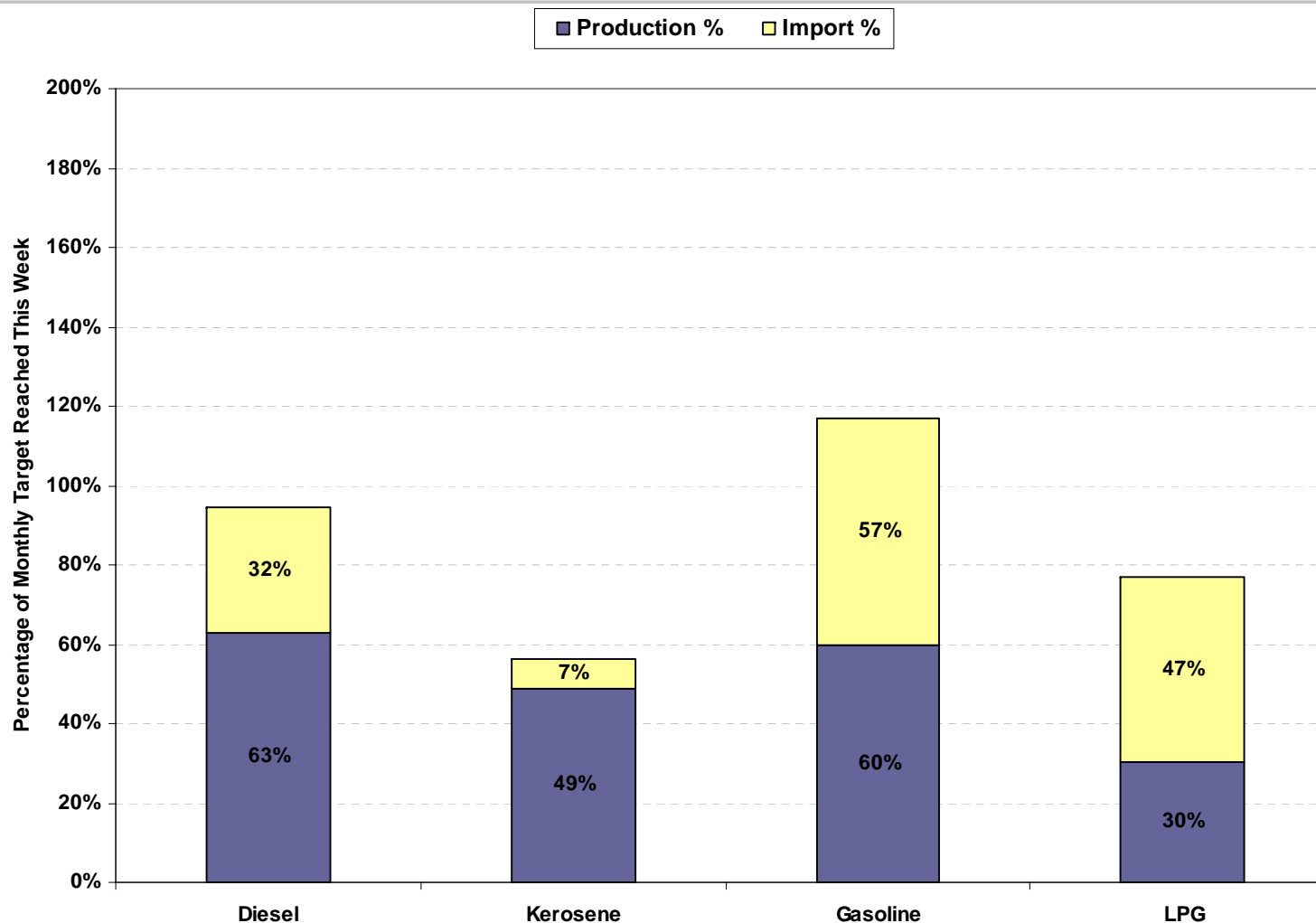
## [4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 M
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- 2005 Revenue: \$15,888.0 M (cumulative for 2005)



## [4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Refined Products

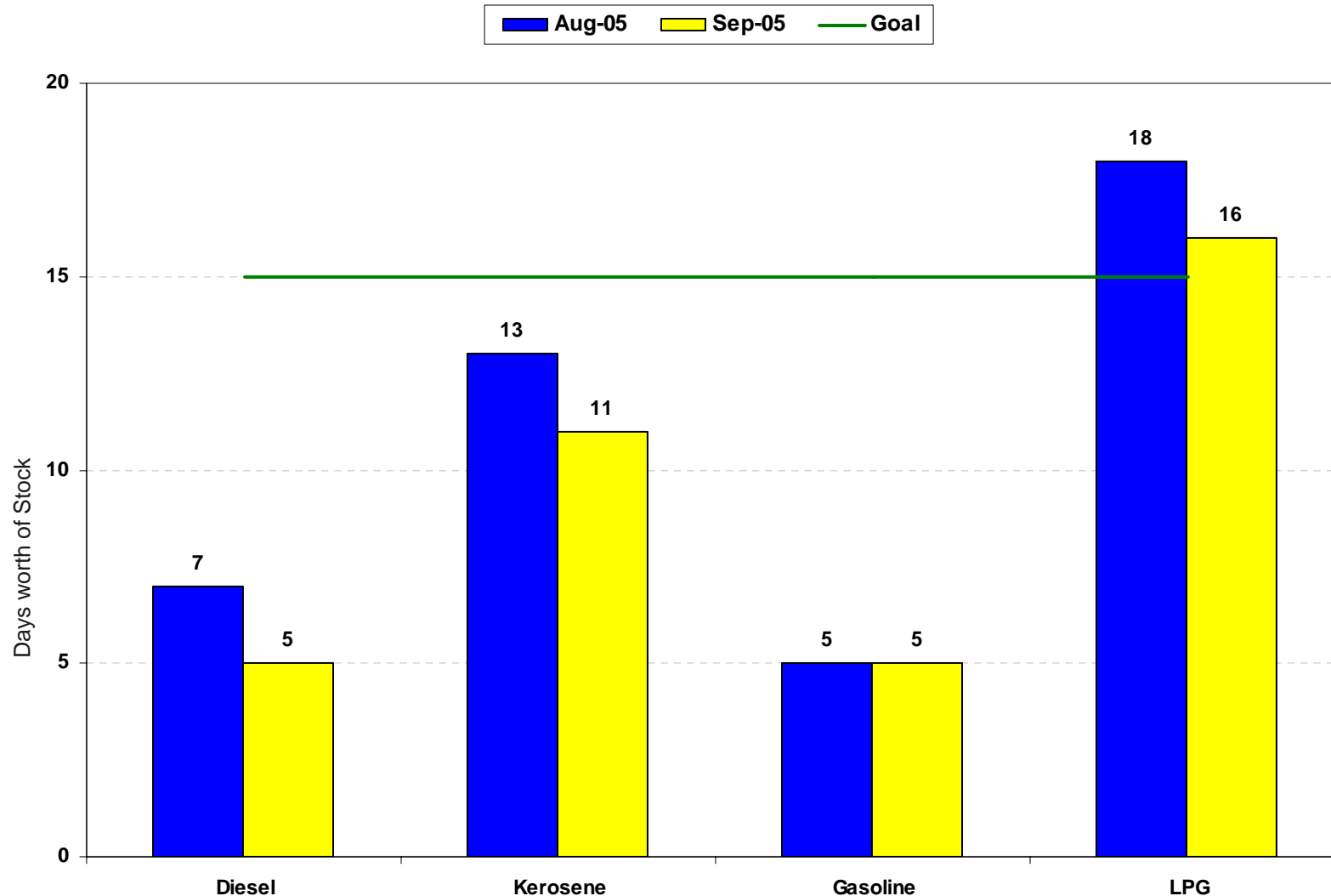


Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of August 29 – Sept 4

- Diesel: 17.0 ML of 18 ML
- Gasoline: 21.1 ML of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 4.5 ML of 8.0 ML
- LPG: 3,307 tons of 4,300 tons



## [4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is for all refined products to be over 15 days worth of stocks at maximum consumption rates and does not represent seasonal change. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



## [4.0] Establish Foundation for a Strong Economy –Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

Data as of September 7, 2005

\$Millions	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	5018	5,018	4,960.6	4,965.3	4.73	4,605.3	4,624.8	19.54	3,408.2	3,467.0	58.8
Electricity Sector	4318	4,067	3,886.2	3,885.9	(0.23)	2,654.1	2,663.7	9.57	1,507.3	1,529.4	22.0
Oil Infrastructure	1723	1,723	1,652.2	1,654.4	2.16	1,217.1	1,228.6	11.42	471.6	496.5	24.9
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1247	1,247	1,151.9	1,153.7	1.83	1,018.4	1,021.6	3.24	492.7	498.9	6.2
Democracy	941	942	889.8	910.0	20.27	868.3	868.3	0.07	529.0	539.9	10.9
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	363	363	332.7	333.0	0.33	317.4	317.6	0.20	135.7	137.6	1.9
Roads, Bridges and Construction	334	334	274.6	274.6	0.06	208.6	209.0	0.44	131.8	134.6	2.8
Health Care	786	786	778.6	778.6	0.05	589.2	592.8	3.58	191.4	201.7	10.3
Transportation and Communications	509	509	496.0	498.5	2.47	394.2	418.9	24.73	153.0	159.8	6.8
Water Resources and Sanitation	2147	1,819	1,811.9	1,811.9	0.04	1,488.5	1,490.1	1.55	340.8	345.1	4.3
Private Sector Development	840	840	838.0	839.2	1.20	818.6	818.6	(0.00)	494.0	494.8	0.8
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	214	214	89.2	91.3	2.12	89.2	91.3	2.12	51.3	51.8	0.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18439</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>17,161.4</b>	<b>17,196.4</b>	<b>35.03</b>	<b>14,268.8</b>	<b>14,345.3</b>	<b>76.47</b>	<b>7,906.7</b>	<b>8,056.9</b>	<b>150.2</b>
IRRF 2 Construction			10,108.3	9,567.5	(540.81)	7,757.1	7,800.0	42.86	3,753.3	3,873.9	120.6
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,165.1	6,718.9	553.80	5,645.2	5,677.0	31.76	3,624.6	3,643.1	18.5
IRRF 2 Democracy			889.8	910.0	20.27	868.3	868.3	0.07	529.0	539.9	10.9
<b>IRRF 1 Subtotal</b>	<b>2473</b>	<b>2,473.3</b>	<b>2,473.3</b>	<b>2473.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,473.3</b>	<b>2,473.3</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,406.6</b>	<b>2,406.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Grand Total IRRF 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>20912</b>	<b>20,335.2</b>	<b>19,634.7</b>	<b>19669.73</b>	<b>35.03</b>	<b>16,742.1</b>	<b>16,818.6</b>	<b>76.47</b>	<b>10,313.3</b>	<b>10,463.5</b>	<b>150.2</b>



## [5.0] Promote the Rule of Law – Iraqi Judicial System

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### Iraq Capital Punishment Reinstated:

- Iraq executed three convicted murderers on September 1. The move marked the first time the government has carried out the death penalty since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

### Administrative Transparency Workshop:

- Nine senior TNA staff members participated in an Administrative Transparency workshop in mid-August. Attendees learned how to identify various forms of corruption, focusing on the overall importance of administrative transparency within the TNA. The multi-day training included comparative studies on fighting corruption in other countries and a case study on the Iraqi construction sector. These and similar training programs are a major component in ensuring fair and open governance. At the end of the workshop, participants recommended that the training be expanded to all TNA staff members.





## [5.0] Promote the Rule of Law – Iraqi Judicial System

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### Rule of Law Task Force:

- On September 1, the INL Rule of Law Coordinator accompanied other members of the Rule of Law Task Force to Mosul to be briefed on the status of rule law in the region. The group was briefed on the current state of legal capacity in the region by Major General David Rodriguez (Multi-National Force-North West Commanding General). It was suggested that more frequent and overlapping visits to the region by the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Justice would increase the effectiveness of current rule of law initiatives in the region.



## [6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – **Developments**

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### International Engagement:

- On August 27, 1,574 Iraqi police recruits graduated from the Jordan International Police training Center (JIPTC) in Amman, Jordan. The eight-week basic training course has produced 21,700 graduates since November 2003.
- Working closely with the Iraqi Government and the Iraqi Red Crescent Society, the United Nations has mobilized an urgent response to last week's Al A'imma bridge disaster by rushing aid to the affected families, distributing emergency grant packages and working to bolster the capacity of local hospitals to treat survivors.



## [6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of August 31, 2005

### 29 Multi-National Forces – Iraq (MNF-I) Contributors (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Portugal
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Romania
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	Slovakia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	South Korea
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Norway	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Latvia	Poland	UK
Denmark			

**TOTAL ~ 23,000 Forces**

\*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

**30 Countries and NATO**  
(including US)  
**Support Iraqi Stability Operations**



## [7.0] Promote Strategic Communications – **Developments**

### Strategic Communications:

- The *Our Constitution* television program was first shown on July 10 and millions of Iraqis have tuned into the prime-time program that offers discussions among experts and Constitutional drafters and studio debates on key issues from the role of women to the question of an Islamic state. The program's 32 episodes are produced in the presence of a studio audience of up to 80 people. Al-Iraqiya covers virtually all of Iraq through an extensive network of TV stations and satellite coverage.
- Twenty-two Iraqi journalists who make up the core staff of the future National Iraq News Agency (NINA) recently completed a reporting, writing, and editing workshop. Workshop participants learned about prudent use of resources and other core editorial management issues. Additional training programs, for both the core staff and additional members, will continue throughout August and September. NINA is scheduled to start operating in early October.
- In a statement released on September 6, Ambassador Khalilzad thanked Prime Minister Ja'afari and the Iraqi people for their offer of one million dollars for relief operations for Hurricane Katrina victims. "Despite the great suffering inflicted by terrorists and the difficulties Iraqis are experiencing during their transition to democracy, Iraq's leaders and people have shown their profound humanity and their solidarity with the people of America's gulf coast states. This expression of solidarity will never be forgotten. "



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### Strategic Communications:

- The University of Baghdad, School of Law, in coordination with USAID partners, recently coordinated the final of five Rule of Law seminars. Rule of Law seminars bring together faculty and practitioners to discuss current legal issues facing Iraq. The theme of the two day event was "The Role of the Iraqi Bar." Previous seminars have focused on ethics for legal practitioners, the Iraqi constitution, property rights, and post conflict justice.
- The Director of the National Democratic Institute's (NDI) Political Party Team conducted a series of party specific message development workshops in Basra for members of four political parties. The aim was to assist parties in conveying their message about the constitution. The workshops focused on public opinion research previously presented to parties in Baghdad, Hilla, Kirkuk, Erbil, and Sulemaniya, specifically on the topic of basic rights and religious law in the constitution. Participants were encouraged to test messages currently being considered by the party against a backdrop of public opinion research, and also develop activity and event ideas that will attract media attention and help the party communicate that message to the public. NDI also used these consultations as a feedback mechanism to assess the impact of programs on parties in the region, and inform them of future program activities.



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- There are three main refineries in Iraq: Bayji (North), Daura (Baghdad), and Basra (South).
- There are several minor refineries (known as topping plants) dotted through the country: Kisik (Mosul), Qarrayah, Haditha, Tikrit, Nassiriyah, Maysan (Amarah). These primarily produce asphalt and low grade kerosene and diesel.
- The majority of Iraq's oil infrastructure is antiquated and in need of modernization.
- Domestically produced refined products (gasoline/benzene, diesel, kerosene, LPG) currently do not meet domestic demand because of sabotage to the pipeline infrastructure. Iraq will be dependent upon imports until the insurgents cease operations against oil pipelines



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